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REMARKS

The last Office Action of November 22, 2004 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Claims 2 and 23 have been canceled. No fee is due.

Claims 1 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German Pat. No. DE 201 19 021.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-21 are allowed, and that claims 2, 23, and 24 are indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2, indicated allowable. Claim 22 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 23, indicated allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the

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Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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